Lafayette Redevelopment Agency Staff Report

For: Agency Board

By: Tony Coe, Engineering Services Manager

Date Written: February 6, 2009

Meeting Date: February 9, 2009

Subject: Lafayette Library and Learning Center Furniture and Furnishings Contract

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Background and Discussion

Staff advertised for bids to provide furniture and furnishings for the new Lafayette Library and Learning Center. Five bids were received on February 5, 2009. The City Clerk opened and read the following bid results:

Bidder	Amount
1. Sidemark	$ 960,635.81
2. Hogue & Associates	$ 998,619.27
3. Resource & Design	$1,027,736.01
4. Vanguard Concept	$1,062,799.44
5. Commercial Services Group	$1,068,284.23

Sidemark's bid included disclaimers stating that its bid did not include sales tax. The bidding requirements do not allow bids to be qualified in this manner. In consultation with the City Attorney, staff informed Sidewalk that it had the opportunity to withdraw its disclaimers. Sidemark declined. Consequently, staff recommends that Agency finds this bid to be non-responsive.

Hogue & Associates' bid also included disclaimers, but they are more indirect and less material as related to the bid prices submitted. Furthermore, Hogue has stated in writing that it has agreed to withdraw these disclaimers, and the bid prices submitted represent the contract price to perform all obligations under the contract with no qualifications. In light of the above, staff recommends that Agency finds Hogue & Associates to be the lowest responsible bid and awards the contract to this firm.

Fiscal Impact

Just prior to bid, the interior designer recommended a budget of $1,110,500, accounting for both contingencies and escalation. The lowest responsible bid is $998,620, which is within reasonable range of the designer's estimate. The budget adopted by the RDA in February 2007 has an allowance of $963,000 for furniture. The gap in budget of about $35,620 will be filled by the building construction contingency.

Recommendation

Lafayette Redevelopment Agency awards a contract to provide furniture and furnishings to Hogue & Associates in the amount of $998,619.27.

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February 6, 2009

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HOGUE

RE: Lafayette Library and Learning Center
Furniture and Furnishings Project #093-980-906.6

Dear Mr. Coe:

Thank you for considering Hogue for your project. Hogue agrees to the following conditions:

1. Hogue & Associates withdraws its terms and conditions in their entirety. The bid price submitted is therefore the contract price to perform all obligations specified in the contact documents, with no qualifications whatsoever.

2. Hogue & Associates agrees that the lower figure of the two bid prices submitted for each of the Alternate Bid items constitutes the bid price for those respective items.

Per you request here are two references for public projects Hogue has completed:

1. Project: St. Mary's College Filippi Academic Hall
Mr. Terry Wade
Project Manager
E. Paul Kelly Architecture & Planning
510-418-3742

2. Project: City of Roseville Mahany Library
Ms. Ginny Zanardelli
Buyer II
City of Roseville
916-774-5734

Please let us know if there are any questions or if you need any additional information.

Sincerely,

HOGUE

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